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DEPUTIES' MEETING

Friday, 28 August 1953

PRESENT: General Cabell, Messrs. Wisner, Amory, Colonel White, Messrs. Kirkpatrick, Helms, Sheldon and [redacted]

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General Cabell:

Noted a cable [redacted] respecting expansion of [redacted] to the Middle East for a particular project, and stated this proposal warranted serious consideration. However, it should be fully coordinated with the Chief, NEA, and probably that Division should "carry the ball". Mr. Helms undertook to follow through on this.

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Mr. Wisner:

Raised the question of what assignment would be given [redacted] upon completion of his present tour of duty. After some discussion, DD/P undertook to ascertain [redacted] views on accepting another overseas post in a different area. It was noted that DD/P had several openings for [redacted] in Washington should he decide against continued assignment overseas. In connection with our rotation policy, General Cabell said that DD/I should urge his senior officers to accept posts abroad. Mr. Amory stated such action had already been initiated.

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Mr. Amory:

Noted Mr. Brownell's intention to place the Lawyers' Guild on the "Attorney General's List", and stated there was a possibility that some of our people might have been members of this organization in years past. Colonel White undertook to discuss this matter with Colonel Edwards.

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Colonel White:

a. Noted the item in the Log of 27 - 28 August, regarding the reduction of Reserve Officers on active duty, and stated that: (1) we would be affected by this action; (2) arrangements had been made with the Army and Air Force for advance notice of those officers assigned to CIA who would revert to inactive status; (3) the Navy would not agree to such an arrangement; (4) he recommended ~~that~~ CIA not ask for exceptions unless we had a particularly strong case, since the release of these Officers was based on individual performance. The Acting Director concurred. In connection with the assignment of officers of the Armed Forces to CIA, Mr. Kirkpatrick noted that in going over the Exit Interviews of such officers, it was most evident that a too-high percentage were leaving with an unfriendly attitude toward the Agency, and recommended that the Deputies read a selected number of these interviews with a view to rectifying this situation in their respective offices. General Cabell approved and stated

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Colonel White (Continued):

he too would be interested in reading some of these reports. Mr. Kirkpatrick suggested it would be helpful for these people to meet the Director and his Deputies in order to learn that they were welcome and expected to become an integral part of the Agency. General Cabell agreed to this and said that in addition, members of the armed services assigned here should be included in discussions of Agency problems brought to his attention and with which they might be concerned and are knowledgeable. Mr. Wisner stated that on numerous occasions he had attempted to do just this; however, in several instances the more senior service officers had "blocked out" the junior officers.

b. Noted that the name of [REDACTED], who is employed in the GPO-State Service Office located in CIA buildings, might appear in the investigation of the GPO since he was suspended by the GPO from 29 May 1946 to 17 June 1946 after admitting that he was gambling while on duty (playing the numbers).

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Mr. Kirkpatrick:

[REDACTED]

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b. Stated he had undertaken to determine the actual number of people paid from funds allotted to CIA, and that he believed we might expect opposition on the part of [REDACTED] in making this information available. However, it was his intention to have them furnish the required data.

Mr. Helms:

Referred to the first item in the Log of 27 - 28 August concerning [REDACTED] and stated word had just been received that this individual was a Yugoslav National and not a defected Soviet civilian as reported.

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